

House Resolution 952

By: Representatives Scott of the 153rd, Harbin of the 118th, Sims of the 119th, Cooper of the 41st, Howard of the 121st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. Daniel W. Rahn for his innumerable accomplishments as President of the
2 Medical College of Georgia and Senior Vice Chancellor for Health and Medical Programs
3 for the University System of Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn has served the Medical College of Georgia since 1991 in positions
5 including Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine, Program Director for the Internal
6 Medicine Residency Training Program, Chief of the Section of General Internal Medicine,
7 Director of the Center for Healthcare Improvement, Vice Dean for Clinical Activities for the
8 School of Medicine and, since 2001, as the university's seventh President; and

9 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia's student applicant pool increased more than
10 40 percent and its minority student enrollment grew to almost 30 percent during Dr. Rahn's
11 presidency; and

12 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia marked a 75 percent increase in sponsored
13 research during Dr. Rahn's presidency, enabling tremendous strides in battling conditions
14 including cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes/obesity, infection/inflammation, and
15 neurological disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn increased the Medical College of Georgia's Augusta campus footprint
17 from 80 to almost 100 acres during his presidency, erecting facilities including the Cancer
18 Research Center, Health Sciences Building, phase two of the Interdisciplinary Research
19 Building, and the MCG Wellness Center; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn laid the groundwork for a new School of Dentistry building, a new
21 School of Medicine education building, a commons facility for the Schools of Dentistry and
22 Medicine, and new student housing; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn significantly enhanced the Medical College of Georgia's impact state
24 wide, most notably by establishing partner, satellite, and distance-learning campuses
25 throughout Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn's collective efforts as President of the Medical College of Georgia
27 have immeasurably advanced the university's mission of improving health and reducing the
28 burden of illness on Georgia; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn's stellar achievements as President of the Medical College of Georgia
30 led to a broader role as Senior Vice Chancellor for Health and Medical Programs for the
31 University System of Georgia; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn chaired an Association of Academic Health Centers Health Workforce
33 Shortage Advisory Committee to ensure a robust pool of health care professionals well into
34 the future, both state wide and beyond; and

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn chaired the Georgia Department of Community Health's Health
36 Strategies Council; and

37 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn chaired the State of Georgia's Certificate of Need Study Commission;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn has received extensive renown and recognition state wide and beyond
40 for his many accomplishments, including inclusion in Georgia Trend magazine's list of most
41 influential Georgians; and

42 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is exceedingly proud of Dr. Rahn's success and
43 immeasurably appreciative of his contributions to health care, biomedical research, and
44 education in Georgia and beyond.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
46 the members of this body commend Dr. Daniel W. Rahn for his years of service to the
47 Medical College of Georgia and State of Georgia and extend best wishes for his continued
48 success.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
50 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Daniel W. Rahn.